



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary April 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Nelson and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from March 9, 2015 was approved (motioned by Kevin Linck; seconded by Beth Daly)

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director – The Regional Director gave the following updates: 1) the Airpark – the County Executive’s office is working with the users of the Airpark, some community residents and the Montgomery County Conflict Resolution Center to work through issues jointly; 2) Ovid Hazen Park – park planners are determining where park elements (i.e. carousel, etc.) should be located within the park; 3) Oktoberfest Planning Committee decided not to have the festival this year; 4) the Montgomery County Agricultural Center will host the first large countywide wine festival on October 24th and 25th; the 5th Police District is focusing on panhandling and the homeless with officers surveying panhandlers to see where they come from and if they need human services; and 6) the Boyds Civic Association celebrated their association’s 50th year on April 16th.

Remarks from County Councilmember Sidney Katz, (Council District 3) – Councilmember Katz on a number of bills and issues that he is focused on and that the County Council is deliberating on in addition to finalizing the county’s budget for FY16.

Remarks from MCPS - Dr. Andrew Zuckerman, Chief of Staff, MCPS and Mr. Thomas Klausung, Director, Office of Management, Budget and Planning for MCPS gave an update on their budget priorities for FY2016.

Discussion: “Comprehensive Economic Strategy for the County” - Ellen Harpel, Business Development Advisor and Lily Qi, Special Projects, Office of the County Executive, spoke on the growth of private sector jobs, local economy, and private sector competition in Montgomery County.

Chair’s Report – Since Board Chair Robert Nelson is planning to present testimony as a private citizen at the Council’s public hearing on the FY16 Operating Budget, board members suggested Pat Seals, 1st Vice Chair, present the board’s testimony instead. The draft testimony prepared by Mr. Nelson was approved with edits by the board (motion from P Seals, seconded by J Yesley).

Nominating Committee - Pat Seals, Daisha New, and Kevin Linck volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee

Committee / Liaison Reports –

Land Use Committee - April 20, 2015 meeting discussion will be “Everything Shady Grove.”

Pepco Community Advisory Group – Kevin Linck referred to an email regarding an update on the proposed merger of Pepco and Exelon.

Community Concerns/Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned (motion by D. Kerr; seconded by A. Edmunds).

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Beth Daly, Brian Donohue, Arthur Edmunds, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Linda Moore, Robert Nelson, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, Joel Yesley.

Additional Guests: Cherian Eapen, Rosemary Arkoian, Joan _____, Brian Jones, Lisa Mandel – Trupp, Mansfield Kaseman, Bruce Goldensohn, David Stein, and Charles Taylor

Staff: Catherine Matthews and Miquitta Scott

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